

**REMARKS**

**I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1 – 4 were previously pending in this application. In the Office Action mailed December 27, 2005, the Examiner allowed claim 1; rejected claims 2 and 3; and objected to claim 4.

Claim 4 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim, therefore claim 3 is amended herein to recite the features of both the original claims 3 and 4, thus it is respectfully submitted that claim 3 is allowable.

New claims 5 – 12 are added herein. Support for the newly added claims can be found, for example, on page 8, line 12 thru page 12, line 18. Claims 5 – 8 depend from claim 1 and claims 9 – 12 depend from the amended claim 3 and are thus, allowable.

Claims 2 and 4 are cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted, claims 1, 3, and 5 – 12 are currently pending. No new matter is being presented. Approval and entry are respectfully requested.

**II. CONCLUSION**

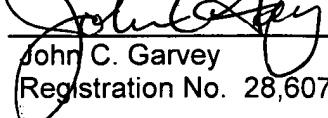
There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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